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SUBJ: NEW PRC GRAIN CLAIMS

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NEVILE MAXWELL GAVE GRAIN PRODUCTION FIGURES SAME AS THOSE IN
PARA 1 REFTTEL TO SEVERAL EMBASSIES IN PEKING. THE NEW FIGURE
IS ONLY 3.4 TO 7.5 PER CENT - ABOVE THE PREVIOUS ESTIMATES
(DEPENDING ON WHETHER 255 OR 265 MILLION TONS, RESPECTIVELY,
IS USED) AND PROBABLY WITHIN OUR MARGIN OF ERROR.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO PRINTED INTERVIEW
WITH DR. M.C. NIU, A GENETICIST OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AND
ACADEMIA SINICA, WHO SAID THAT GRAIN PRODUCTION PRESUMABLY
FOR 1974 WAS 260-280 MILLION TONS. NIU IS WELL CONNECTED
WITH CHINESE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PERSONNEL AND MAY HAVE
HAD AN EARLIER VERSION OF THE 274 MILLION FIGURE.
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